

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 16-24 were pending in the application. Claims 1, 8, and 16-18 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-14 and 16-24 remain pending in the application.

35 U.S.C. § 103(A) REJECTIONS

Claims 1-3, 8-10, and 16-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen et al. ("Dynamic-Agents for Dynamic Service Provisioning") hereinafter referred to as Chen, in view of Jacobson et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,440,744) hereinafter referred to as Jacobson, and further in view of Bhatia et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,029,203) hereinafter referred to as Bhatia. Claims 4-7, 11-14, and 21-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen, in view of Jacobson, and further in view of Bhatia, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,519,381 (hereinafter "Marsh"). Finally, claims 1-3, 8-10, and 16-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,601,086 (hereinafter "Howard"). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections and requests reconsideration in view of the following discussion.

Newly amended 1 recites in part a service gateway:

"wherein a response received from the external source identifies a proposed service and an includes input stream comprising an encoded version of the requested service, wherein the proposed service is a service required to decode the encoded version of the requested service"

Applicant submits none of the cited art discloses or suggests receiving an encoded version of a requested service and the identification of a further service required to decode the received encoded service. Accordingly, for at least this reason, claim 1 (and each of the remaining independent claims for similar reasons) is patentably distinguished from the cited art.

In view of the present amendments, Applicant submits the application is now in condition

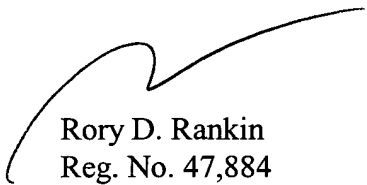
for allowance. If a phone interview would speed allowance of any pending claims, such is requested at the Examiner's convenience.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505\5181-78400\RDR

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